



3.6.1 Outcomes of extension activities in the neighbourhood community in terms of impact and sensitizing the students to social issues and holistic development, and awards received if any during the last five years
(Showcase at least four case studies to the peer team)

The extension activities carried out by the university in the last five years are extensive in the field of Agriculture, Health, Environment, and Divine/religious issues in the neighbouring community.

In **agriculture**, one of the cornerstone initiatives is the annual Kisan Mela on Baisakhi Day every year, which serves as a platform to provide recent advances in agriculture, queries regarding plant diseases, marketing of their products, equipping them to enhance productivity and income and awarding the young and innovative farmers. S Jassa Singh Hara award have been instituted for best farmers of the Sirmour district. A 5-days training program was organized at the premises of Eternal University under the NABARD sponsored project the training was given on enterprises as dairy farming, vermicomposting, silage making, horticultural/agricultural farming, food processing and water harvesting. Sixteen villages have been adopted for providing such knowledge.

Addressing **healthcare** needs in the community is a top priority for the University. Free medical camps held every year to provide essential healthcare services to residents and to one and all, which includes free surgeries. The University, through the Akal College of Nursing, extends its healthcare efforts to schools, conducting health screenings and first aid training for teachers in various Villages. Moreover, the University actively engages in addiction treatment facilities, recognizing the critical need to address this issue in the community. In alignment with the commitment to education and health, the University organizes training courses, including those led by faculty members from renowned international institutions. Every year International conference is held in the field of Nursing with various burning issues. For sensitizing the students for various health issues, the mode of awareness drive is via rallies, Nukkad Natak's and lectures. The students organize and celebrate Dengue resource reduction Day, Nutrition exhibitions in villages, World hypertension Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Kidney Day etc. Nursing students have been active in COVID vaccination of the students and faculty of the campus.

The commitment to **environment maintenance and awareness**, are evident in initiatives such as the Azadi Quest, where students engage in activities to raise awareness about the sacrifices made by independence heroes. Swachhta Pakhwada Abhiyan is a regular feature of the University, involving the NSS and NCC students. The faculty is

involved by making different committees along with students with minimum seven days marked by cleaning of campus and hostels, lectures on plastics and its pollution effect on living organisms, water harvesting, sewage treatment and saving its wastage. Awareness regarding the ozone depletion and environment day celebrations are made.

As far as the **social issues** are concerned the students are sensitized for the importance of spiritualism amalgamated with education. As per our mission to proliferate peace in the world, the students of Music department have been involved in devotional kirtan at large number of places in Northern India. The students are involved in performing religious ceremonies, cleaning of utensils, cleaning the religious place, serving langar on the Gurburab, Shivratri day celebrations. Creating zero hunger and religious intolerance are our priority. Eternal University has received Green Ranking Award 2023 with Grade-A and Category-Gold.